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REGULATORY ALERT #2004-0002 Environmental Management Manual

General: The Department of Commerce formally released the new Environmental Management Manual (EMM). Department Administration Order (DAO) 200-0 will be revised to include the EMM. The EMM replaces DAO 216-11, *Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands* and DAO 216-17, *Compliance with Environmental Pollution Standards*.

This Manual applies to all Department Operating Units and describes the Department's environmental management and compliance program and assists the Department in achieving environmental compliance. The Manual, which has the status and effect of a Department Administrative Order (DAO), serves as the single authoritative Department environmental compliance management program reference for all Department employees.

The Manual provides an overview of the environmental policies, objectives, roles and responsibilities, and major program requirements and procedures along with quarterly reporting requirements. It does not provide a complete listing of all provisions, or detailed guidance on complying with environmental laws, regulations, and Executive Orders. This Manual supplements federal laws, regulations, and Executive Orders for preserving, protecting, and restoring the quality of the environment.

A copy of the Manual is available for viewing and downloading at www.osec.doc.gov/oas/environmental/ under the Policy, Regulations, and Plans link.

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